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SUBJECT: MRS. MARCOS RETURNS IN TRIUMPH FROM LATEST MISSION ABROAD

MRS. MARCOS RETURNED TO MANILA AFTER FIVE WEEKS ABROAD
EVENING DECEMBER 17. IN REMARKS AT LAVISH AIRPORT RECEP-
TION SHE REPORTED ON HER VARIOUS "MISSIONS". SHE CLAIMED
MEXICO HAD PROMISED SUPPLY PHILIPPINES WITH "STEADY SUPPLY
OF OIL AT RATE OF 10,000 BARRELS A DAY" BUT GAVE NO DETAILS.
MRS. MARCOS SAID NEW PHILIPPINE CENTER IN NY WOULD ENABLE
GOVERNMENT TO DISSEMINATE "THE FACTS AND THE TRUTH ABOUT
OUR COUNTRY." SHE ADVERTED TO HER SPEECH AT UNICEF
COLLOQUIUM IN GENEVA AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE DEVELOPED
WORLD WOULD RESPOND TO HER PLEA TO SAVE CHILDREN OF THIRD
WORLD. FIRST LADY CONCLUDED BRIEF ADDRESS BY NOTING
THAT IN FULFILLING HER MISSION SHE HAD DRAWN STRENGTH
AND DETERMINATION FROM "PROGRESSIVE, PEOPLE-ORIENTED
POLICIES OF THE NEW SOCIETY AND OF PRESIDENT MARCOS."

COMMENT: DESPITE LAVISH AIRPORT ARRIVAL CEREMONY,

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COVERED IN FULSOME DETAIL BY MEDIA, TV SPECIALS ON HER

TRIP, AND; ADMIRING EDITORIALS, LATEST TRIP DOES NOT
COMPARE WITH TRIUMPHAL CHINA TRIP. WHICH STILL BEING
PUBLIICIZED. NOR IS TREATMENT LIKELY TO OBFUSCATE FACT
WHICH HER CRITICS HAVE JUBILANTLY NOTED THAT U.S.--
ALLEGEDLY--POINTEDLY KEPT DISTANCE FROM MARTIAL LAW
REGIME BY REFUSING TO RECEIVE HER AT HIGH LEVEL. AL-
THOUGH THIS SORT OF COMMENT INEVITABLE, AND NOT NECESSARILY
HARMFUL IN SOME CIRCLES, OF MORE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE
IS REACTION OF LADY IN QUESTION. PRESUMABLY THIS WILL
BE MADE MANIFEST IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

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